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Med-Care Ambulance Service Launches Sparky's Hazard House

Med-Care Ambulance Service received grant funding through the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for the FY2007 Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding was used for the purchase of a Sparky's Hazard House public education simulator to be used by Med-Care to enhance upon their well established community education and outreach program as well as afford their Oxford County Public Safety partners this state of the art training equipment for their usage as they provide their critical public education programs to their target audiences as well.

The Hazard House will be used to improve preparedness and response capabilities for Homeland Security related events in the State of Maine by providing a wonderful interactive tool to educate and better prepare the public to handle a multitude of emergencies that they may face in their everyday lives along with the possibilities of natural disasters and events related to terrorism. Also this training equipment will provide a conduit for public awareness for fire prevention, issues relating to winter preparedness, carbon monoxide poisoning, elderly safety, home safety, and emergency preparedness will be covered. Seeing as the first person dealing with any emergency is the person experiencing it - it is important to educate the public to know what to do in any emergency situation.

An emergency can happen to any of us, at any time. What a person would need to do in a flood or a hurricane or a family emergency. Teaching the public to be prepared-providing them with the information to help take those first steps to get ready for the unexpected. This inter-active hazard house will be a tremendous addition to the ongoing programs within the River Valley and throughout Oxford County.

Med-Care Ambulance provides Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Service for the roughly 17,250 citizens residing in the eleven River Valley area towns and unorganized territories spanning over more than 500 square miles of Oxford County.